



**Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.
*(Revelation 14:13)***

April 27, 2006

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Edward M. O'Grady, entered eternal life on April 25, 2006 at the age of 84.

Father O'Grady was born on July 3, 1921 in Chicago and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on October 26, 1946. His many assignments included associate pastor of St. Catherine, Detroit; St. Mary, Adrian; St. Leonard, East Detroit; Our Lady of Loretto, Detroit; and chaplain at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. He served as pastor of St. Alphonsus, Deerfield, from August 1967 to December 1975; St. Anthony, Hillsdale, from December 1975 to June 1984; St. Catherine Laboure, Concord, from June 1984 to June 1988; and St. Joseph, Irish Hills, from June 1988 to September 1, 1991, at which time he received Senior Priest Status.

Desnoyer Funeral Home, 204 N. Blackstone, Jackson, is handling the arrangements (517-782-1878). Visitation will be on Saturday, April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Father O'Grady's body will lie in state at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 120 E. Wesley Street (corner of Mechanic), Jackson, on Sunday, April 30, from 2 to 8 p.m., with a Rosary at 3 p.m. and the Office of the Dead at 7 p.m.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 1, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Burial will take place at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Jackson. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church.

Father O'Grady is survived by sisters, Kathleen King, Helen Oesterle, and Norma Gottschalk; a sister-in-law, Alice O'Grady; and several nieces and nephews. Condolences may be sent to his sister, Kathleen King, 1509 W. Sycamore, Rogers, AR 72758.

Kindly include in the general intercessions of your weekend liturgies a prayer for the repose of the soul of Father O'Grady. Keep him in your prayers and include him in the Masses celebrated in accord with our revised Mass Pact.

Fraternaly yours in the Lord,

Adam Cardinal Maida
Archbishop of Detroit